

NAWG Supports Peterson's Efforts on Farm Bill

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Statement of NAWG President John Thaemert regarding the recently released chairman's mark from House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.):

"We are extremely appreciative of the work Chairman Peterson and his staff members have done on farm bill language, especially their efforts to rebalance target prices and loan rates among the commodities.

"While we are disappointed that an effective increase in direct payments has not been possible, our members fully understand the current budget constraints the Chairman is facing. We commend and support his efforts to bring a more equitable safety net to wheat growers despite the budget climate.

"NAWG members and leadership remain committed to helping wheat growers receive a better safety net than in 2002 and look forward to working with Chairman Peterson and other members of the House and Senate ag committees as this process moves forward."